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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the Abstract with the replacement Abstract appended hereto as a replacement sheet.

Please add the following new paragraph at the end of page 6:

--Legend to Fig. 1:

- 1 feeding pipe
- 2 evaporator
- 3 suction pipe
- 4 compressor
- 5 pressure pipe
- 6 heat exchanger
- 7 pipe
- 8 mixing vessel
- 9 pipe
- 10 high-grade distillation plant
- 11 pipe--